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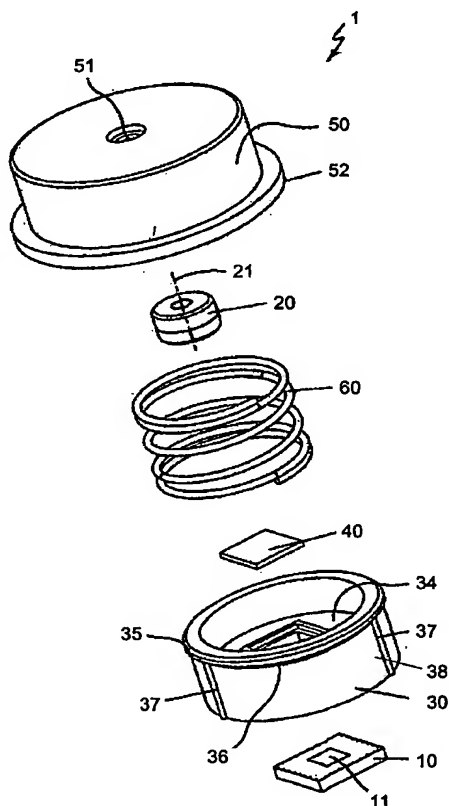
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IMAGE SENSOR CHIP



(57) Abstract: An imaging module (1) comprises a lens holder (50) for hold-
ing a lens, and a foot (30) for holding an image sensor chip. Both the foot (30)
and the lens holder (50) are provided with a flange (35, 52) having inclined
contact surfaces (36, 53). In an assembled state, the lens holder (50) is snap-
fitted over the foot (30). The lens holder (50) comprises slots (56), whereas
the foot (30) comprises ribs (37). When the ribs (37) are received by the slots
(56), rotation of the lens holder (50) with respect to the foot (30) is prohibited,
whereas movement of the lens holder (50) with respect to the foot (30) in an
axial direction is allowed. In this way, a maximum axial distance between the
lens holder (50) and the foot (30) is determined, which may be set to be the
focal distance of the lens.

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